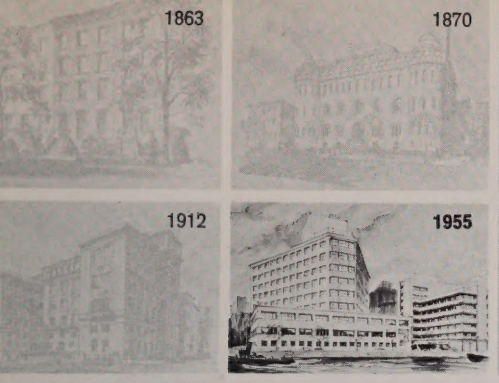

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Hark! The Herald Patients Sing:

"The reason I am writing is because I appreciate so very much all the help you have been to us. Your office has been right there as soon as we needed you and your courtesy, concern, efficiency and the cheerful way you go about your duties is really something I feel should be complimented on."

A Patient Writes to the Home Care Office

"The prompt, courteous, efficient, kindness and consideration that I was given by your Accounting Office was far above the service one receives in today's average busy offices. I want you to know how much I appreciate this pleasant experience, especially at a time when I was concerned about a serious illness."

A Patient Writes About Our Accounting Office

"For a change I was at the opposite end of the scale. I can only say that everyone was great. You can certainly be proud of the whole staff and again let me thank them."

From a Patient who is a New York Hospital Doctor

"It has been a l-o-n-g eight years going to different doctors for advice to help our son. Thank God for you wonderful people, so dedicated to your work.

Marty is so very, very happy. He still can't believe that it is his foot. Occasionally, when he awakens in the morning, he will call out, "Ma, look, my foot is still straight!"

You doctors are always in our prayers. Thank you so much."

About a Patient in Club-Foot Clinic

Hark! The Herald Patients Sing:

"It doesn't seem possible that an unexpected two week hospital stay could be anything but a nuisance. But because of the excellent nursing care I received on the eighth floor south of your hospital, mine was really a pleasure."

From a Patient on 8 South

"I can think of nothing more important to do than to write this letter of gratitude for the care, understanding and human kindness shown by your 7 North staff in helping me recover from a very serious and delicate operation."

From a Patient on 7 North

"The daily routine care was perfect and when extra help was needed it was available and pleasant. I thank you all from the RN's, students, aides, orderlies and the floor porter who was always pleasant and helpful."

A Patient Writes About the 7th Floor

"I would like to thank all the doctors, nursing staff, physiotherapists, social workers, X-ray and laboratory staffs, the Dietary staff, school teachers and the Volunteers. Their untiring attention to my needs, their kindnesses and help to me in various ways, are among the happy experiences that I shall always remember."

A Young Patient Says Thank You

"I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my grateful appreciation for the constant competent, courteous and considerate care I was privileged to receive from your staff. Their interest and efforts on my behalf as well as all the other patients I met, impressed me with their professional excellence."

A Doctor Patient Writes to Physical Medicine

"I have words of the highest praise for your entire staff with which I have come into contact, particularly for the nursing staff. I am somehow skeptical that my own satisfactory experiences could be attributable to all hospitals and in my gratitude towards your hospital, I can only speculate that your high standards must be largely due to a superior personnel hiring policy."

From a Patient on the 8th Floor

"Your physical facilities were clean, bright, cheerful and fortunately, without the odors commonly associated with hospitals. I found your staff to be efficient, courteous, kind, and capable during my entire stay.

For whatever it means to you, please accept my compliments for running what I consider a very good hospital."

From a Patient

"Before I leave I must tell you I think this is a lovely hospital. I can't think of one thing I would have had different — the people were wonderful, helpful and efficient. And the food — I couldn't imagine better. I know this isn't an accident but comes from constant effort. Believe me its been worth it. Congratulations!"

From a Patient on 6 South

"Our special thanks to the staff on the fifth floor, including doctors, nurses, aides and recreation who were most involved with our son's welfare. At the Hospital for Special Surgery, during the month of October when our son was a patient there, we felt it to be an extension of our home and we are deeply grateful."

From a Parent of a Patient on the 5th Floor

The Christmas season is a time for pause and reflections in the year's activities.

The above are extracts from letters of grateful patients or their families, who have taken the time to express their gratitude to you, our employees, for taking care of them or their loved ones.

To each one of you I also want to add my personal thanks for your unfaltering service in aiding the sick over the past year.

May I also extend to you and your families my very best wishes for an abundance of good health and happiness in 1969.

T. Gordon Young
Administrative Vice President

Robert Thiessen, a familiar face around HSS, says farewell to some of his many friends. Mr. Thiessen left HSS October 31st, to take a new position at St. Barnabas Hospital and Medical Center in Livingston, N.J.

Dr. Merrill Ritter, Orthopedic Orthopedic Resident at HSS, was laid low by an automobile accident. We are happy to report that he is back on his feet and well on the way to a full recovery.

1968 Alumni Meeting

The Annual Alumni Meeting held on November thirteenth and fourteenth produced a host of prominent men in the field of orthopaedics. In spite of the previous day's combination snow, wind and rainstorm, 196 registered guests from various parts of the country managed to fill the Second Floor Lecture Hall to capacity.

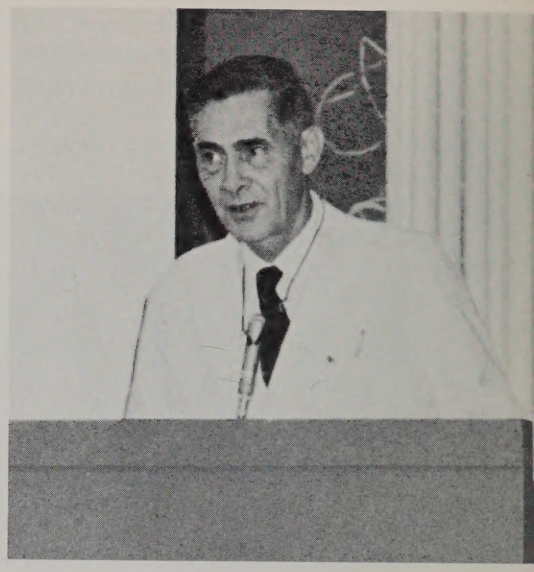
Dr. Carroll B. Larson, Surgeon-In-Chief Pro-Tempore, delivered The Fifth Philip D. Wilson Orthopaedic Lecture entitled, "When Arthroplasty". Dr. Larson is currently Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Chairman of the Department of the University of Iowa Medical School. He is a former President of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and is the author of many published papers in his related field

Another attraction of the program was a "Symposium on Ligamentous Instability of the Knee and Its Problems in Management." Dr. James A. Nicholas, who again managed to retrieve some of the "best talent in the field", acted as Moderator for the Symposium. His honored guests included: Dr. Don H. O'Donoghue, Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Dr. Donald B. Slocum, Chairman, Committee on Sports Medicine, American Medical Association, and Dr. Jack C. Hughston, Chairman, Committee on Sports Medicine, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. In addition, HSS's own talent provided a series of informative and diversified papers throughout the two-day meeting.

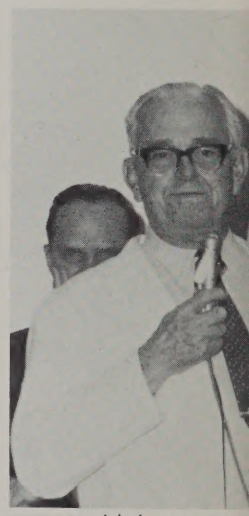
Among other special events, Alumni President Dr. William F. Donaldson passed on his duties to Dr. Homer C. Pheasant; Dr. Ernest M. Burgess was chosen President Elect. Dr. Nicholas will continue as Chairman of the Program Committee, and Dr. Bernard Jacobs is the newly elected Secretary-Treasurer. Honorary Membership in the Alumni Association was presented to Dr. Larson and to Dr. Preston A. Wade. Dr. Malcolm L. Ecker was the recipient of the Lewis Clark Wagner Award for his paper on "Diabetic Amputations", and Dr. Joseph C. De Fiore received Honorable Mention for his project, "Strontium^{85} Scintimetry of the Spine".

The Ladies' Committee, headed by Mrs. Allan E. Inglis, provided a day of entertainment for the wives including a tour of the Ford Foundation and a luncheon at the Cosmopolitan Club. The dinner dance held at the Essex House was well attended by Alumni, Attendings, Residents, Fellows and their wives and guests.

Special thanks to Dottie Page and the Photography Department for a job well done prior to and during the meeting; to Mrs. Goldstone and her staff who, in addition to maintaining the coffee breaks, served hot lunches to over 200 guests; to Joe Lukas and his orchestra for outdoing Lester Lanin; to Tom Cannon who continued to astound all with his "power of recall" for names and faces of Alumni members; to Mrs. Alberta Lewis who was a great help at the reception desk by both answering pages and tending to patients, and to the Housekeeping Department for maintaining a state of orderliness at all times.



Arthroplasty—now or never . . .



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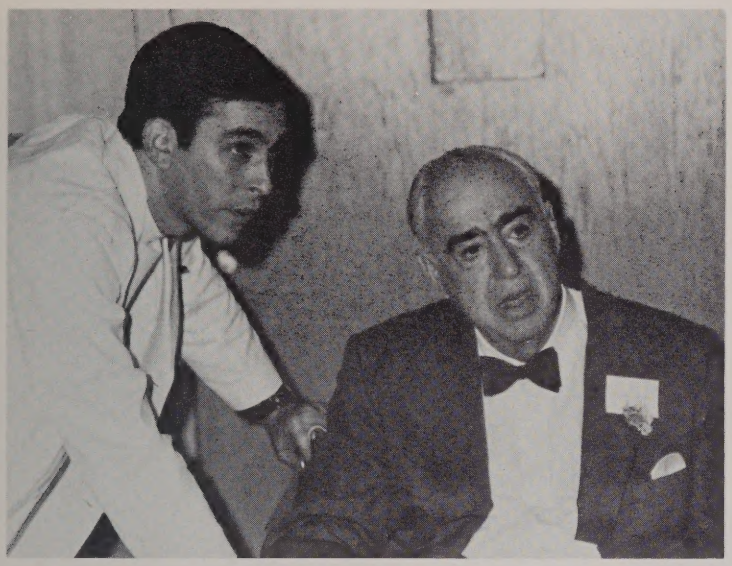
Stimulating meeting.



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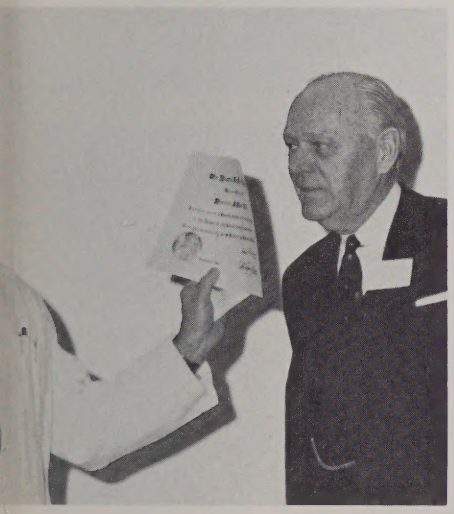
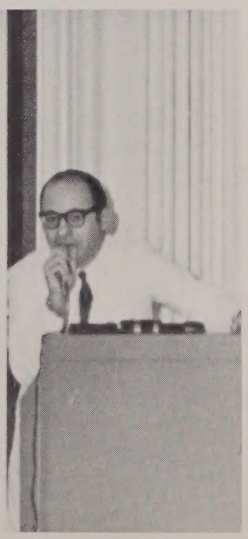


Coffee, tea or milk?



The big four!

Professionally Speaking

Dr. Harlan Amstutz attended a Conference on Wear and Abrasion Resistance of Plastics held at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan, and acted as Chairman of the session on "Lubricants and Biomechanics Synovial Joint Lubrication" at the meeting of the American Society of Metals and Lubrication Engineers in Atlantic City, New Jersey. He also spoke to the Metal Sciences Club in New York City, and attended the American Society of Testing and Materials Committee Meeting on Foreign Implants in New Orleans.

Dr. Rolla D. Campbell gave a series of lectures over a two-week period at the Fundacion Dupuytren in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Da. Carlos Khoury Solá issued the invitation.

Dr. Robert Freiberger participated in a Postgraduate Course on Sports Medicine sponsored by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons held in Niagara Falls, speaking on "The Arthrogram in Diagnosis of Knee Injuries". He also lectured at Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital on "Arthrography and Deformities of the Foot".

Dr. Richard Freyberg spoke on "Management of Rheumatoid Arthritis and Related Diseases" and conducted a Clinic for Rheumatic Diseases at the Charlotte Rehabilitation Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina. He attended a postgraduate medical course on Rheumatic Diseases sponsored by the American College of Physicians at Robert B. Brigham Hospital in Boston, lecturing on "Gold Therapy for Rheumatoid Arthritis" and "Current Status of Corticosteriods in Treatment of Connective Tissue Disorders" and participated in a round table discussion on treatment of rheumatoid arthritis.

Dr. Allan E. Inglis lectured at Maimonides Hospital on "Surgical Reconstruction of the Upper Extremities in Rheumatoid Arthritis."

Dr. Lee Ramsay Straub attended the American Rheumatism Association's session of the Arthritis Foundation Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Philip D. Wilson, Jr. spoke on "Hip Reconstruction" to the Mohawk-Hudson Orthopaedic Club in Schenectady, New York.

PROMOTIONS

Dr. Rolla Campbell and **Dr. Alexander Hersh** have been promoted to Attending Orthopaedic Surgeons.

RESIGNATIONS

Dr. Sten-Erik Olsson has resigned as Associate Director of Research and Senior Scientist effective December 31st.

Dr. Michael Lyons, Assistant Attending Pathologist, has resigned effective October 31st.

VISITORS

Dr. Colin Rich of Pretoria, South Africa

Dr. Alfredo Rovinshi, Anchietia Hospital, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Dr. Walter P. Blount, Chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Marquette University Medical School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dr. Klisich, Orthopaedic Surgeon, Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Dr. Tomoda from Nippon University, Tokyo, Japan

Dr. Ebe from Osaka University, Osaka, Japan

Personally Speaking

MARRIAGES: We wish to announce that *Roberta Kessman* of the Nursing Department recently married *Steven Koven*. Also, *Miss Libby Morrison* of Medical Education was married on November 30th to *Mr. Robert Simonton* in Middletown, N.Y.

BIRTHS: *Dolores Weiser,* former medical secretary, gave birth to a boy, *David. Dr. and Mrs. Kuhrt Wieneke, Jr.* announced the birth of their daughter, *Liesel Stewart* on November 25th.

DEATHS: We regret to announce the death of *Mrs. Della Williams,* a retiree and the mother of *Tommy Cannon* who works at the Information desk. *Mrs. Williams* worked in the Nursing Dept. from September 1918 to January 1955 and was recognized as a loyal, conscientious and hard worker. Her son, *Tommy Cannon,* has worked for the hospital since 1925. We all extend our sincere sympathy to Tommy.

ILLNESS: *Mr. Kelly Dunn* (afternoon orderly) is in St. Vincent's Hospital. He has just undergone another emergency procedure.

CHANGES & PROMOTIONS: *Gloria M. Smith, R.N.,* changed from Nursing Office Supervisor to Home Care Administrator, replacing *Mrs. Eileen Coogan,* who is on maternity leave. *Mary O'Connor* of 7 So. has moved to 8 No. as Senior LPN. *Mrs. E. Blunt* is now at 7 So. *Mrs. Smeriglio* is now Nursing Office Supervisor, days. *Miss Pryal, A.H.N.* in 7 So. *Mrs. Margaret Peters, LPN,* moved from 6 No. to 7 So. *Miss A. Gonzalez, N.A.* on 7 So. went to Clinic.

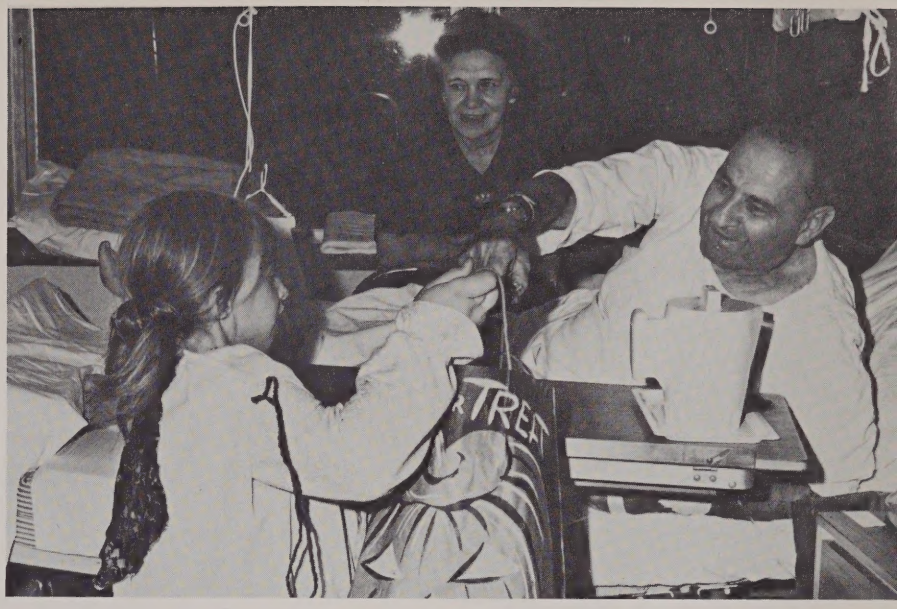
ADDITIONS: *Nellie Quinones* has joined HSS as an X-ray technician, Another newcomer is *Diane Reber,* also as X-ray technician. *Mrs. Maurine Bason* will join the Social Service Dept. on January 6th.

RESIGNATIONS: *Miss Linda Kennedy* has resigned from the Social Service department and will be returning to Toronto, Ont. *Mrs. Louise Simmons, N.A.,* on 7 So. has resigned. Also, *Mrs. Mary Martin,* Head Nurse on 7 South has resigned.

OTHER NEWS: *Mr. David Grandison,* Asst. Supervisor in the Housekeeping Dept., has just returned from a two week vacation in Jamaica.

IN MEMORIAM

Employees were saddened by the recent death of their co-worker, Jackie Mims. In the nine years while she worked at Special Surgery, she made many friends. She will be remembered particularly for the "green thumb", and the loving care she gave to her plants. She did much to brighten the Research Building.



TRICK OR TREAT?

HSS's young patients put on a disguise and went trick or treating around the hospital. The treat was for the Staff and older patients who could hardly hold back the smiles at the mini people's garb and tricks.

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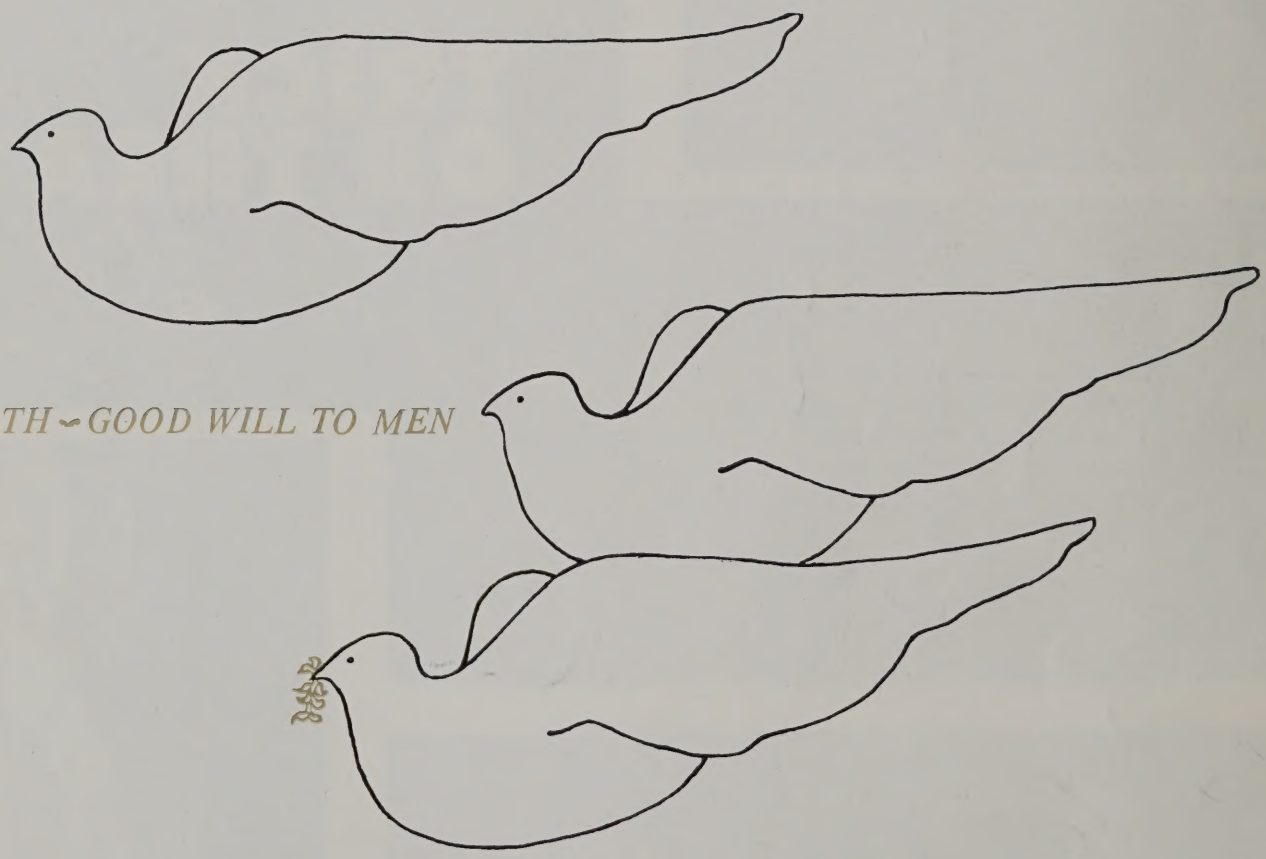

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